FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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RE: AOR 2006-31

Dear Mr. Elias and Mr. Reese,

This letter responds to your letter received on September 19, 2006, requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of the Bob Casey for Pennsylvania Committee.

On October 11, 2006, the Commission released for public comment two alternative draft advisory opinions (Drafts A and B) responding to your request. For your convenience, we have enclosed copies of the two drafts. The Commission was unable to approve either of these drafts by the required affirmative vote of four members. *See* 2 U.S.C. 437c(c) and 437d(a)(7).

Accordingly, pursuant to Commission regulations at 11 CFR 112.4(a), you are hereby advised that with this letter the Commission has concluded its consideration of Advisory Opinion Request 2006-31.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Ellen L. Weintraub Commissioner

Enclosure